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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON EXIMBANK CREDITS TO KOREA

FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE TWO
DIRECT CREDITS TO KOREA TOTALLING \$7,305,345. RELEASE IS
SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, DC FOR AM PAPERS,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1974.

QUOTE: EXIMBANK CREDITS TOTALLING \$6,620,445 SUPPORT
\$16,234,100 SALE OF U.S. TRAWLERS TO KOREA

TO SUPPORT SALES TOTALLING \$16,234,100 OF U.S. TRAWLERS TO KOREA,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED
STATES HAS AUTHORIZED TWO DIRECT CREDITS TOTALLING \$7,305,345
ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK'S CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. CASEY.

ONE EXIMBANK CREDIT OF \$6,164,100 WILL FINANCE 45 PERCENT OF THE
TOTAL U.S. COSTS OF \$13,698,000 FOR 50 TRAWLERS. EXIMBANK'S
FINANCIAL GUARANTEE OF A CREDIT OF \$6,164,100 FROM FIRST
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NATIONAL CITY BANK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WILL FINANCE 45 PERCENT

OF THE TOTAL COSTS AND THE OBLIGOR, KOREA MARINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (KMIDC) OF SEOUL, WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF THE U.S. COSTS OF 10 PERCENT OR \$1,369,800. THE PRIVATE EXPORT FUNDING CORPORATION (PEFCO), OF NEW YORK, IS FUNDING 66-2/3 PERCENT OF THE CITIBANK CREDIT.

THE 50 DOUBLE-RIG TRAWLERS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY BENDER WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY, INC., OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND WILL BE USED FOR A SHRIMP FISHING VENTURE OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.

THE LOANS TO KMIDC ARE TO BE REPAID IN 14 INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 5, 1976.

EXIMBANK'S OTHER DIRECT CREDIT FOR \$1,141,245 WILL FINANCE 45 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS OF \$2,536,100 FOR 10 TRAWLERS ALSO FOR A SHRIMP FISHING VENTURE OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA. BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, WILL ALSO PROVIDE FINANCING OF \$1,141,245 TO FINANCE ANOTHER 45 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COSTS, THE OBLIGOR, KOREA WONYANG FISHERIES COMPANY, LTD. (WONYANG), WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF THE U.S. COSTS OF 10 PERCENT OR \$253,610.

THE PROJECT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEN 72-FOOT LONG SHRIMP TRAWLERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE ROCKPORT YACHT AND SUPPLY COMPANY INC., OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, FOR WONYANG, A WELL ESTABLISHED FISHING COMPANY THAT OPERATES A LARGE NUMBER OF SHIPS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, INDIAN OCEAN, AND ATLANTIC OCEAN. THE NEW FISHING TRAWLERS FOR WHICH FINANCING IS BEING EXTENDED, WILL OPERATE OUT OF PARAMARIBO, SURINAM, AND RANGE ACROSS THE NORTHERN COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.

THE LOANS TO WONYANG ARE TO BE REPAID IN 14 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 1975.

EXIMBANK'S TWO DIRECT CREDITS DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL BE REPAID OUT OF THE LAST 7 INSTALLMENTS OF EACH OF THE 14 INSTALLMENT REPAYMENT SCHEDULES AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 8 PERCENT PER ANNUM, WHICH WHEN BLENDED WITH THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT EXTENDED FROM PRIVATE SOURCES RESULTS IN AN ESTIMATED INTEREST COST TO THE BORROWER, UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON CURRENT RATES, OF ABOUT 8.72 PERCENT TO 9 PERCENT PER ANNUM. REPAYMENT OF ALL LOANS IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ACTING THROUGH THE KOREA EXCHANGE BANK. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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